

# Healthy Food Certification Participation for School Year 2020-21

School districts that choose to implement the healthy food option of Healthy Food Certification (HFC) under [Section 10-215f](#) of the Connecticut General Statutes must follow the [Connecticut Nutrition Standards](#) for all foods sold to students separately from reimbursable school meals. For school year 2020-21, 180 of the 191 eligible districts and schools (94.2 percent) are implementing the healthy food option of HFC. Eligible districts for HFC are public schools that participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Public Schools Program (NSLP). Public schools include public school districts, the Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS), charter schools, interdistrict magnet schools, endowed academies, and regional educational service centers.

HFC districts that are new to HFC or have returned to HFC for school year 2020-21 are indicated in **bold**. Schools that participate in the NSLP through an interschool agreement with another school district may choose to implement the healthy food option of HFC if the sponsoring school district implements HFC. These schools are indicated under "Interschool Agreements" on page 3, with the sponsoring district indicated in parentheses.

School districts not listed have either chosen not to implement HFC or are not eligible for HFC. For more information, see the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) [Map of Connecticut School Districts Participating in HFC](#).

## Public School Districts

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| 1. Ansonia Public Schools                          | 20. Chester Public Schools       |
| 2. Ashford Public Schools                          | 21. Clinton Public Schools       |
| 3. Avon Public Schools                             | 22. Colchester Public Schools    |
| 4. Barkhamsted Public Schools                      | 23. Colebrook Public Schools     |
| 5. Berlin Public Schools                           | 24. Coventry Public Schools      |
| 6. Bethany Public Schools                          | 25. Cromwell Public Schools      |
| 7. Bethel Public Schools                           | 26. Danbury Public Schools       |
| 8. Bloomfield Public Schools                       | 27. Deep River Public Schools    |
| 9. Bolton Public Schools                           | 28. Derby Public Schools         |
| 10. Bozrah School District: Fields Memorial School | 29. East Haddam Public Schools   |
| 11. Branford Public Schools                        | 30. East Hampton Public Schools  |
| 12. Bridgeport Public Schools                      | 31. East Hartford Public Schools |
| 13. Bristol Public Schools                         | 32. East Haven Public Schools    |
| 14. Brookfield Public Schools                      | 33. East Lyme Public Schools     |
| 15. Brooklyn Public Schools                        | 34. East Windsor Public Schools  |
| 16. Canterbury Public Schools                      | 35. Ellington Public Schools     |
| 17. Canton Public Schools                          | 36. Essex Public Schools         |
| 18. Chaplin Public Schools                         | 37. Fairfield Public Schools     |
| 19. Cheshire Public Schools                        | 38. Farmington Public Schools    |
|  | 39. Franklin Public Schools      |

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| 40. Glastonbury Public Schools    | 82. Preston Public Schools                  |
| 41. Granby Public Schools         | 83. Putnam Public Schools                   |
| 42. Griswold Public Schools       | 84. Rocky Hill Public Schools               |
| 43. Groton Public Schools         | 85. Salem Public Schools                    |
| 44. Guilford Public Schools       | 86. Salisbury Public Schools                |
| 45. Hamden Public Schools         | 87. Seymour Public Schools                  |
| 46. Hartford Public Schools       | 88. Sharon Public Schools                   |
| 47. Hartland Public Schools       | 89. Shelton Public Schools                  |
| 48. Hebron Public Schools         | 90. Simsbury Public Schools                 |
| 49. Kent Center School            | 91. Southington Public Schools              |
| 50. Killingly Public Schools      | 92. South Windsor Public Schools            |
| 51. Lebanon Public Schools        | 93. Sprague Public Schools                  |
| 52. Ledyard Public Schools        | 94. Stafford Public Schools                 |
| 53. Lisbon Public Schools         | 95. Stamford Public Schools                 |
| 54. Litchfield Public Schools     | 96. Stonington Public Schools               |
| 55. Manchester Public Schools     | 97. Stratford Public Schools                |
| 56. Mansfield Public Schools      | 98. Suffield Public Schools                 |
| 57. Marlborough Public Schools    | 99. Thomaston Public Schools                |
| 58. Meriden Public Schools        | 100. Thompson Public Schools                |
| 59. Middletown Public Schools     | 101. Tolland Public Schools                 |
| 60. Milford Public Schools        | 102. Torrington Public Schools              |
| 61. Montville Public Schools      | 103. Trumbull Public Schools                |
| 62. Naugatuck Public Schools      | 104. Vernon Public Schools                  |
| 63. New Britain Public Schools    | 105. Voluntown Public Schools               |
| 64. New Hartford Public Schools   | 106. Wallingford Public Schools             |
| 65. New Haven Public Schools      | 107. Waterbury Public Schools               |
| 66. Newington Public Schools      | 108. Waterford Public Schools               |
| 67. New London Public Schools     | 109. Watertown Public Schools               |
| 68. New Milford Public Schools    | 110. Westbrook Public Schools               |
| 69. North Branford Public Schools | 111. West Hartford Public Schools           |
| 70. North Canaan Public Schools   | 112. West Haven Public Schools              |
| 71. North Haven Public Schools    | 113. Wethersfield Public Schools            |
| 72. North Stonington Lunch        | 114. Willington Public Schools              |
| 73. Norwalk Public Schools        | 115. Winchester Public Schools              |
| 74. Norwich Public Schools        | 116. Windham Public Schools                 |
| 75. Old Saybrook Public Schools   | 117. Windsor Public Schools                 |
| 76. Orange Public Schools         | 118. Windsor Locks Public Schools           |
| 77. Oxford Public Schools         | 119. Wolcott Public Schools                 |
| 78. Plainfield Public Schools     | 120. Woodbridge Public Schools              |
| 79. Plainville Community Schools  | 121. Woodstock Public Schools               |
| 80. Plymouth Public Schools       | 122. Regional District 1: Canaan, Cornwall, |
| 81. Portland Public Schools       | Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon       |

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| 123. Regional District 4: Chester, Deep River, Essex                    | 129. Regional District 13: Durham, Middlefield    |
| 124. Regional District 5: Bethany, Orange, Woodbridge                   | 130. Regional District 14: Bethlehem, Woodbury    |
| 125. Regional District 7: Barkhamsted, Colebrook, New Hartford, Norfolk | 131. Regional District 15: Middlebury, Southbury  |
| 126. Regional District 8: Andover, Hebron, Marlborough                  | 132. Regional District 16: Beacon Falls, Prospect |
| 127. Regional District 9: Easton, Redding                               | 133. Regional District 17: Haddam, Killingworth   |
| 128. Regional District 10: Burlington, Harwinton                        | 134. Regional District 18: Lyme, Old Lyme         |

### Magnet Schools, Charter Schools, and Regional Education Service Centers (RESCs)

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| 1. ACES                                       | 9. EdAdvance (formerly Education Connection) |
| 2. Achievement First Bridgeport Academy, Inc. | 10. Elm City College Preparatory School      |
| 3. Amistad Academy                            | 11. Great Oaks Charter School                |
| 4. Brass City Charter School                  | 12. Highville Charter School, Inc.           |
| 5. Capital Preparatory Harbor School, Inc.    | 13. Integrated Day Charter School            |
| 6. Common Ground High School                  | 14. LEARN                                    |
| 7. CREC                                       | 15. Park City Prep Charter School, Inc.      |
| 8. EASTCONN                                   | 16. The Bridge Academy                       |

### Interschool Agreements

(Sponsoring district is listed in parentheses)

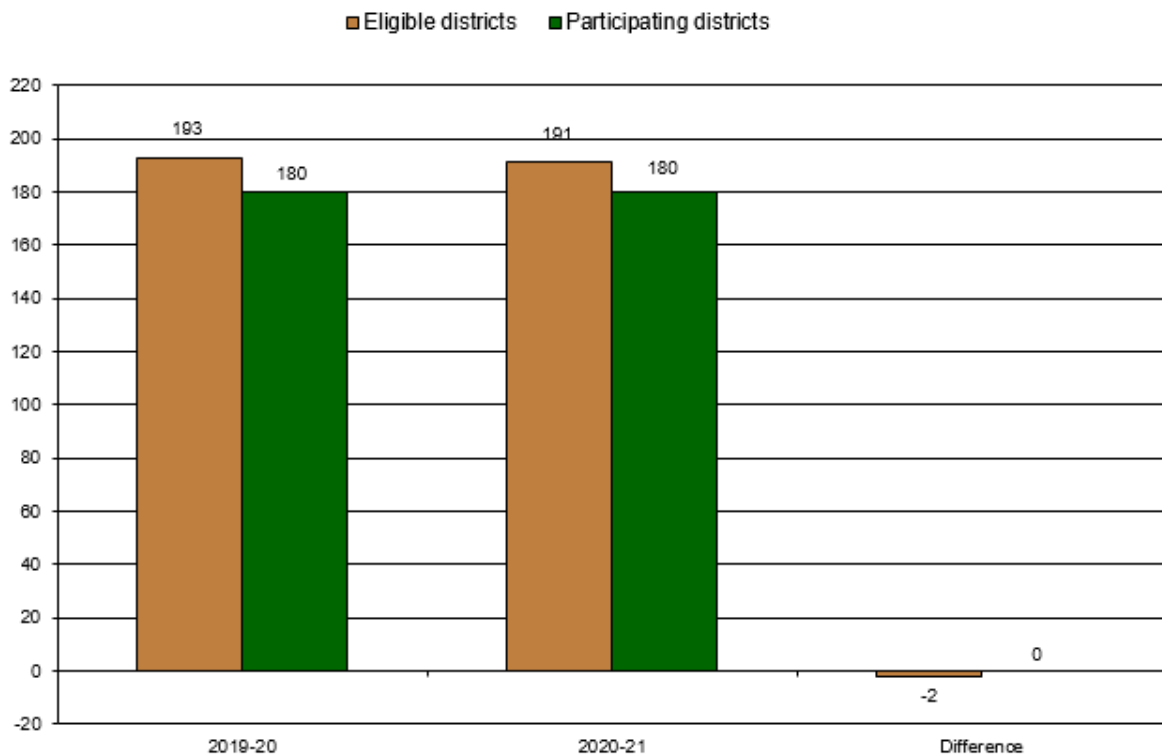
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| 1. ACES Thomas Edison Middle Magnet (Meriden)        | 9. CREC Academy of Aerospace & Engineering (Rocky Hill)        |
| 2. Achievement First (Hartford)                      | 10. CREC Academy of Aerospace & Engineering (Windsor)          |
| 3. Andover Elementary School (Coventry)              | 11. CREC Academy of Science and Innovation (New Britain)       |
| 4. <b>Booker T. Washington (New Haven)</b>           | 12. CREC Discovery Academy (Wethersfield)                      |
| 5. CES Cooperative Educational Services (Bridgeport) | 13. CREC Glastonbury/East Hartford Magnet School (Glastonbury) |
| 6. CES Six to Six Magnet School (Bridgeport)         | 14. CREC Learning Corridor Montessori Magnet (Hartford)        |
| 7. CES Special Education Center (Bridgeport)         | 15. CREC Museum Academy (Bloomfield)                           |
| 8. Columbia Horace Porter School (EASTCONN)          | 16. CREC Soundbridge (Wethersfield)                            |

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| 17. CREC Two Rivers Magnet Middle School (East Hartford) | 25. Region 06: Goshen Center School<br>James Morris Elementary School<br>Warren Elementary School, Wamogo<br>Regional High School (EdAdvance) |
| 18. Edwin O. Smith High School (Region #19: Mansfield)   | 26. Region 11: Parish Hill Middle/High School (Chaplin Elementary School)   |
| 19. Explorations Charter School (EdAdvance)              | 27. Scotland Elementary School (EASTCONN)   |
| 20. Hampton Elementary School (EASTCONN)                 | 28. Side by Side Community Charter (Norwalk)  |
| 21. Jumoke Academy Charter (Hartford)                    | 29. Sterling Community School (EASTCONN)  |
| 22. Norfolk: Botelle School (EdAdvance)                  | 30. The Learning Center at East Hampton High School (East Hampton)  |
| 23. Odyssey Community School (Manchester)                |   |
| 24. Pomfret Community School (EASTCONN)                  |   |

### Changes in Participating Districts

All districts (100 percent) that chose to implement the healthy food option of HFC in school year 2019-20 recertified for school year 2020-21. In addition, one new school was added for school year 2020-21 (Booker T. Washington through an interschool agreement with New Haven Public Schools).

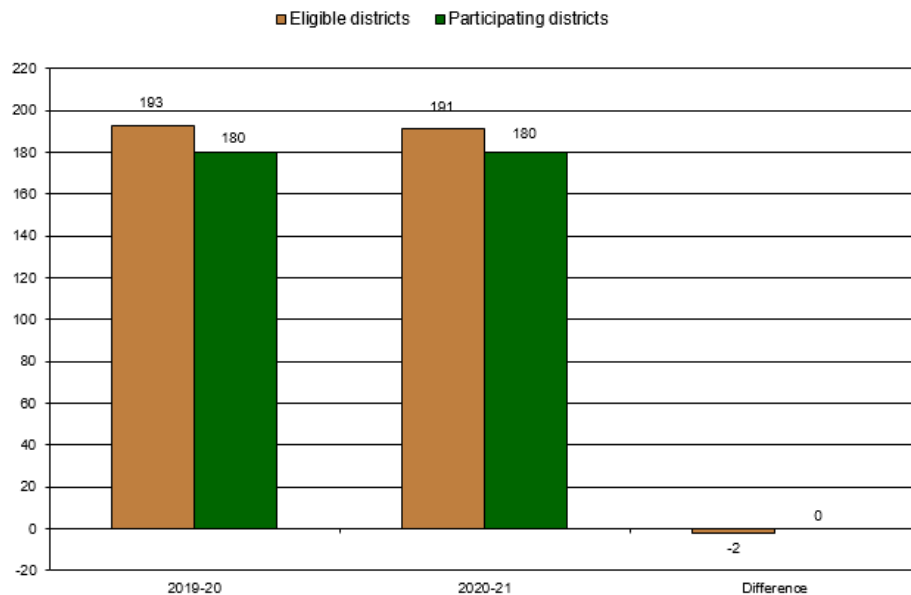


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## Changes in Statewide HFC Eligibility and Participation

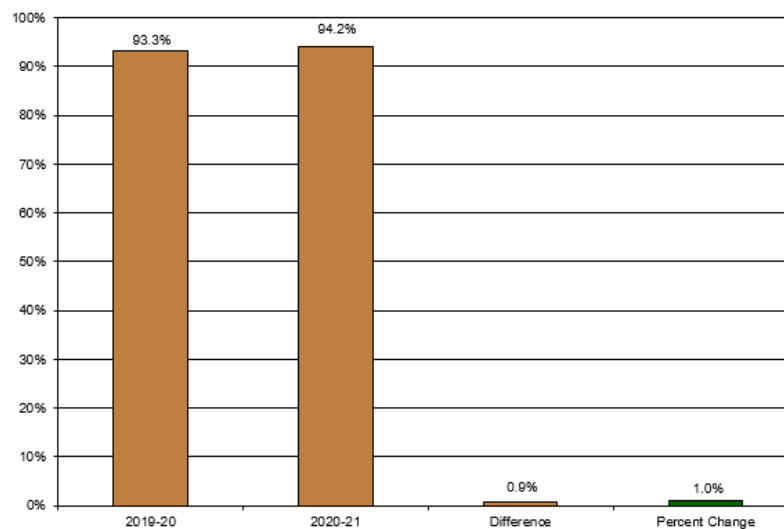
From 2019-20 to 2020-21, the number of districts that were eligible for HFC decreased from 193 to 191 districts, while the number of districts choosing to participate in the healthy food option of HFC remained at 180 districts (see figure 1).

*Figure 1. Eligible versus participating HFC districts*



HFC participation increased from 93.3 percent in school year 2019-20 to 94.2 percent in school year 2020-21, which is a change of 1 percent (see figure 2).

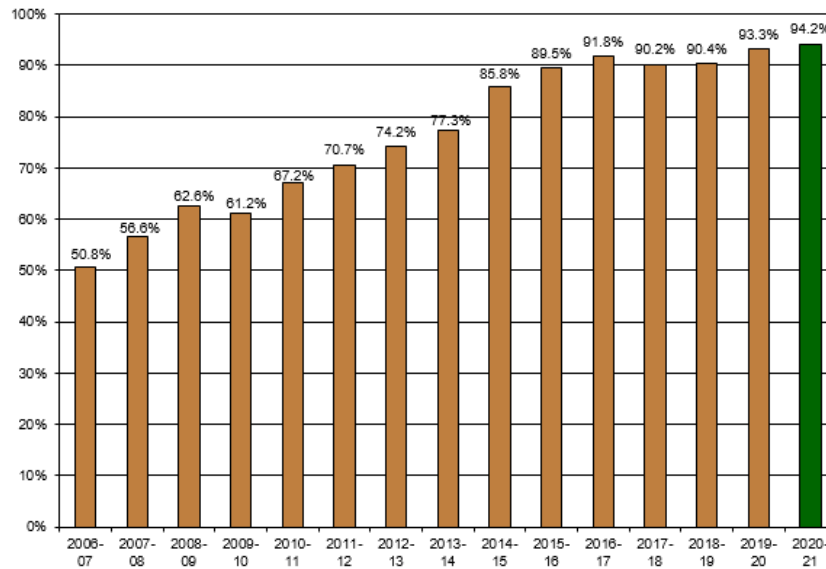
*Figure 2. Change in HFC participation from 2019-20 to 2020-21*



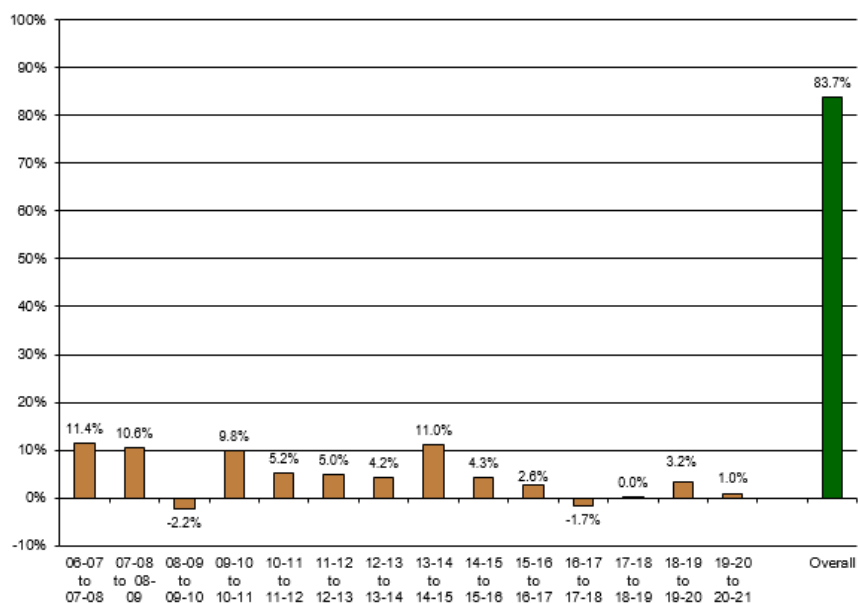
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The HFC participation rate for school year 2020-21 is 94.2 percent. This is the highest HFC participation rate since HFC began in 2006. Figure 3 shows HFC participation rates since the first year of implementation (school year 2006-07). Figure 4 shows the percentage of change in the HFC participation rates since the first year of implementation.

*Figure 3. HFC participation to date*



*Figure 4. Percentage of change in HFC participation to date*



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## Resources

Complying with Healthy Food Certification Presentation (CSDE):

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/Complying\\_Healthy\\_Food\\_Certification\\_Presentation.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/Complying_Healthy_Food_Certification_Presentation.pdf)

Connecticut Nutrition Standards (CSDE webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Connecticut-Nutrition-Standards>

Data on Participation in HFC (CSDE):

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/Data/HFCdata.pdf>

Healthy Food Certification (CSDE webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Healthy-Food-Certification>

List of Acceptable Foods and Beverages (CSDE webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/List-of-Acceptable-Foods-and-Beverages>

Map of Connecticut School Districts Participating in HFC (CSDE):

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/Data/HFCmap.pdf>

Questions and Answers on Connecticut Statutes for School Foods and Beverages (CSDE):

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/Questions\\_Answers\\_Connecticut\\_Statutes\\_School\\_Foods\\_Beverages.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/Questions_Answers_Connecticut_Statutes_School_Foods_Beverages.pdf)

Resources for Meeting the Federal and State Requirements for Competitive Foods in Schools (CSDE):

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/CompFoods/Resources\\_Federal\\_State\\_Requirements\\_Competitive\\_Foods.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/CompFoods/Resources_Federal_State_Requirements_Competitive_Foods.pdf)

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For more information, visit the CSDE's [Healthy Food Certification](#) and [Connecticut Nutrition Standards](#) webpages, or contact the [HFC coordinator](#) in the CSDE's Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 504, Hartford, CT 06103-1841.

This document is available at <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/Data/HFCschools.pdf>.

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